

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR - NOTES
TOWNSHIP INSPECTION SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

Notes of the Township inspection held on Friday, September 21, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. starting at the municipal building.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Garbutt, Racicot
Clerk-Treasurer Buob
Leadhand K. Johnson

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

The road tour of the Township inspection began.

Mr. Johnson noted that the west end of Connolly road on the north side of the road needs some drainage and brushing. The Road Department has recently added some material to the road surface on Rosengren road west for their snowplow turn around. He also noted that some of the rock on the down stream side of the arch culvert on Sitch road at Pitch creek has moved slightly.

A new culvert has been installed just past 77 Cliffmclean road. This has raised the height of the road surface and extended the maintained portion of the road for the new severance and proposed home.

As the last inspection was held prior to the roadwork being completed in 2011 both the 2011 and 2012 Federal Gas Tax monies projects were looked at. These included 2.8 kms of Harstone road from the corner of Smith road to the Townline of Oliver Paipoonge, resurfacing and drainage on Broome road for 1.6 kms from Highway 595 to the Garbutt road for 2011 and resurfacing of 1.6 km on Blaikie road from Highway 588 and 1.6 km of Smith road between Highway 595 and Garbutt road resurfacing and drainage for 2012. The drainage portion of the project will be starting on Monday.

The new driveway off of Flint road for a recent severance was discussed. The property currently has an entrance off Highway 595, which is much closer to the proposed homes location and the Ministry of Transportation has told the owner that this Highway entrance has to be removed. As Council was discussing this with Mr. Johnson, the owner came along. Council also spoke with the owner and requested a copy of the letter sent to her from the Ministry of Transportation with regard to the removal of the entrance. They will discuss this further at the next Council meeting.

The new bridge deck and rail system on bridge #2 at Smith road was looked at as well as the new lower rail system on Bridge #3 on Smith road at Poohachoff's. The Road Department last summer also changed the guideposts and tighten the cables on the Harstone road, at Whitewood Creek. Bridge #4 on Broome road continues to be the next priority for infrastructure projects.

The property for a current severance application for Solid Wood Lumber was looked at for reference purposes.

The cemetery was inspected. The cremated ashes garden will need some trees removed around the center benches as well the cedar bushes will need to be trimmed back. The new water pump on the well for watering plants was looked at and is working well.

The new location of the Township of O'Connor's highway sign was discussed. The Ministry of Transportation's suggested locations were looked and one other option closer to Luckens road will be looked at further by the Road Department.

Lunch was had at the Kakabeka Falls Hotel.

The Township inspection continued. It was noted that a new mobile has been put in on Smart road. The Clerk-Treasurer will check to see if a permit was issued.

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The landfill site was inspected. The new bin for the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) program has been dropped off at the site. The bin is open on the top and to the best of the Clerk-Treasurer's knowledge the electronics are supposed to be kept dry. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into this further. The clean wood burn pile needs to be burnt. A new hole will be dug soon. The mattress and furniture pile is also getting pretty big and some will be added to the hole before it is closed off. It was also noted that there was a couple of water coolers in the appliance section. They may contain freon which should be put in the refrigerator area.

The newly resurfaced Pool road was also looked at.

During the helipad inspection it was noted that some of the cones are in need of repair or replacement. The Clerk-Treasurer currently has a call into ORNGE about this.

The municipal buildings, which include the annex building, the fire hall, cold storage building, garage, rink shack and rink area, community centre and office were inspected. The Township equipment was also inspected.

There were no concerns with the road department's garage. Everything was neat and clean. Safety information was well marked and posted on the walls.

It was noted that the Fire hall cold storage building doorknob should be looked at. There also was a leak of some sort on the ground inside coming from the deck of the 4 X 4 truck. Fire Chief Mattas will be contacted about this. The Fire hall was inspected and it was also found to be neat and clean.

The annex building is still in good shape.

It was suggested that it be looked into whether or not there would be a cost saving to install a 400 amp hydro service for the garage and fire hall with one meter.

The road department and summer students have installed a new door and ramp on the rink shack. The ramp still needs a bit of shimming. The outside matting between the rink shack door and the rink has a bubble and needs replacing. The kick plates around the rink will still need to be inspected and tighten up prior to flooding.

The community centre's interior and exterior was looked at. Some accessibility options were discussed, as there is currently funding coming available for this and an application will be submitted. The Clerk-Treasurer has already requested information on lifts and elevators for the inside for both access to the main floor and basement and push button options for the doors. The colour of paint for the interior walls was discussed. The old office roof still has a small leak. A contractor has been contacted to take a look but has not come over yet. The use of the old office was discussed and it was suggested that one of the desks be moved into the cloakroom for use by the Norwest Community Health mobile unit. The other desk could be moved back further and a meeting table could be added for small groups. The room will be cleaned up so that it can be used. The basement kitchen and renovations were discussed. Funding applications have been submitted for upgrading the propane stove and fire suppression requirements as well as some kitchen upgrades. If approved new cupboards above the sink, a pantry and new countertop on the island will be looked at. The inside of the island could be painted. The new water treatment system and softener were also looked at. The system is working well.

The office and Council chambers were inspected. It was suggested that pamphlet holders be installed in the entrance or on another office wall to take clutter off of the front desk.

The Township inspection adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer